

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date:

Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: Request approval of Resolution No. 2010.94 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services Division for fiscal year 2010/11 to provide Wildlife Management Assistance for the Rio Salado Project.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20100701cdnr01 Resolution 2010.94 RIO SALADO

COMMENTS: Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services Division. Total cost of the contract shall not exceed \$25,000.

PREPARED BY: Nancy Ryan, Community Development, Rio Salado Project Manager, 350-8096

REVIEWED BY: Benicia Benson, Administrative Assistant, 350-8530

LEGAL REVIEW BY: Cynthia McCoy, Assistant City Attorney, 858-2187

DEPARTMENT REVIEW BY: Chris Salomone, Community Development Manager, 350-8294

FISCAL NOTE: Sufficient funds for this program are available within the Rio Salado Account 4410-6656.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution as submitted.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Since 2000, the City of Tempe has partnered with the USDA to implement a wildlife management plan to safely manage wildlife in the Salt River corridor. The USDA – Wildlife Services participates in a weekly monitoring, twice yearly meetings and an annual report of their findings and recommendations related to the management of wildlife in Rio Salado (within the five-mile radius of Sky Harbor airport). The agreement provides access to resources and expertise in the event that hazardous or other special situations are identified.

This year, USDA - Wildlife Services requested additional provisions consistent with their federal contract requirements to be included in the Intergovernmental Agreement. As such, a new IGA has been prepared for Council review and approval.

The data collected by the USDA assists the City with monitoring habitat restoration areas, is used to prepare annual reports for the Safe Harbor Agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and for semi annual meetings with Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport regarding the wildlife management efforts of Tempe. Staff believes that the continued retention of a wildlife biologist trained to monitor and identify potential hazards to aviation, provides the greatest degree of safety to the public while supporting the restoration of wildlife habitat in the Salt River.